GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Assistance to Villagers
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the villagers in the areas bordering Pakistan and Bangladesh have to face a lot of difficulties in farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance being provided by the Government to these villagers in farming their land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (c) The villagers having their land ahead of Border fence face slight difficulty in farming activities. However, farmers living close to the International Border are being encouraged to carryout farming in their land ahead of Border Fence. In order to promote farming, Border Security Force (BSF) facilitates farmers in following manner:-
(i) Company Commander level & Battalion Commander level meetings are held with local farmers and village Panchayat members to understand their problems.
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(ii) Border Fence gates have been situated at regular intervals as per villagers/farmers convenience.
(iii) Laying down timings for opening/closing of border fence gates as per requirements/convenience of the farmers.
(iv) During harvesting/sowing season, Fence Gate timings are coordinated as per their requirement.
(v) Providing Kissan Guards ahead of Border Fence for security of the farmers.

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